

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
Area Agency on Aging
Older Americans Advisory Council**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2013
Tijeras Senior Center**

Members Present	Members Absent	AAA Staff
Stitelman, Leonard, Chair	Glen, Joie	Placencio, Danny
Geberl, Joseph	Donk, Philip	Alvarado, Brian
Wood, Conway		Werley, Michelle
Gallegos, Gloria		Sickles, David
Vice, Blue		Sedillo, Connie
Cooper, Nancy		Sanchez, Patricia
Wilson, Maxine		
Wyatt, Terry		
Guests: Mayor of Tijeras Gloria Chavez, Diane Klaus, Walter Blea		

1. Call to Order

The OAAC meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m.

2. Introductions

Introduction of new member Terry Wyatt and new AAA staff member Patricia Sanchez.

3. Approval of Agenda

Leonard Stitelman made a motion to approve the July 9, 2013 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Conway Wood and unanimously carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Conway Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Blue Vice and unanimously carried.

5. Legislative Session

The Alliance for Area Agencies on Aging (A4AAA) submitted a proposal to recoup some of the funding losses that the Aging Network has undergone since 2008. Danny was informed on April 30, 2013 that \$250,000.00 was received to put back into the budget downfalls that occurred in 2008. However, AAA still has an approximate \$750,000.00 short fall but efforts to not cut services will remain to be a work in progress.

Danny stated that The Village of Tijeras wasn't given funding by their AAA but The City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County AAA has given them \$10,000.00 effective July 1, 2013. The Bernalillo County South Valley Multi-purpose Center was also given \$100,000.00. The rest of the funding was systematically distributed between: adult day care, homemaker respite, housekeeping, legal services and some non-profit organizations. The non-profit organizations were given money to enhance/increase services with the exception of Curtis Graph and UNM. Both organizations were confident that the same amount of funding from last fiscal year was sufficient to carry services as normal.

Conway Wood asked if nutrition was the main priority. Danny stated he is following recommendations from the NMALTSO Council to have nutrition and in-home services such as housekeeping and respite care as the top two priorities. Transportation was not part of the category. Conway Wood expressed that there is no transportation available for seniors to be transported at Taylor Ranch. Danny answered that there are cost issues between the Department of Senior Affairs and the Department of Family & Community due to the fact of 4 sites: Cesar Chavez, Thomas Bell, Duranes and Taylor Ranch Community Centers are staffed and serviced by Family and Community employees. This has caused difficulties in deciding which department would be responsible for costs for transportation. Joseph Geberl added that the Transportation Division of Senior Affairs has mini-vans that are more costly than and not as resourceful as bigger vans.

The Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging had submitted a capital outlay project three years ago which succeeded in the last General Obligation Bond cycle for \$1 million dollars. The NMALTSO has included the City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County AAA and The Indian Area Agency on Aging for Information and Technology upgrades. Danny asked for submittals for computers, copy machines etc. The City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County AAA received \$110,000.00. Paradise Hills Community Center and South Valley Multi-purpose Center is receiving new computers. The Village of Tijeras has also received funds to populate the computer room at their Senior Centers. Also, The Department of Senior Affairs C.A.S.A is upgrading their computers. Danny stated that the funding will be delayed for approximately three months.

6. Sequestration

Danny reported that the federal cut is going to be about 7% for FY2014. AoA funds are still working on FY2012 monies. A cut is not expected to affect AAA's budget until about FY2016.

7. Old/New Business

Thanks and appreciation was expressed to the Village of Tijeras for hosting the meeting at their new facility.

Danny invited Advisory Council members to the NMALTSO Conference on Aging in August and AAA will cover fees for board members who would like to attend.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2013 at the Los Griegos Community Center.

9. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Prepared by: _____